Remarks/Arguments

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for a kind and thorough examination. The pending Claim 12 has been amended to require a method for learning the orthographic spelling of a word comprising the step of creating a typeable phonetic alphabet pronunciation key which uses 44 bics to phonetically represent the 44 sounds (i.e., twenty-four consonant bics, fifteen vowel bics and five 'vowel plus R' bics') in the American-English language.

In contrast to all the art of record, this method of using these 44 bics allows for orthographically spelling a word in a manner which is distinct from the art of record because "a user can construct any word in the American-English language that is heard or pronounced by the user into a typeable phonetic spelling" (page 9, lines 12-16), and this "provides the added advantage over prior phonetic alphabets in that a phonetically spelled word using a typeable phonetic alphabet permits a user to quickly and intuitively find the orthographic spelling of a word because the user only needs to know the standard "Roman letter" alphabet and does not need to learn how to "alphabetize" or arrange the symbols and marking used in other non-typeable phonetic alphabets" (page 10, lines 5-12). It is therefore suggested that the present invention is patentably distinct over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any further questions regarding this matter, please call the Applicant's undersigned Attorney at (248)-324-7787.

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